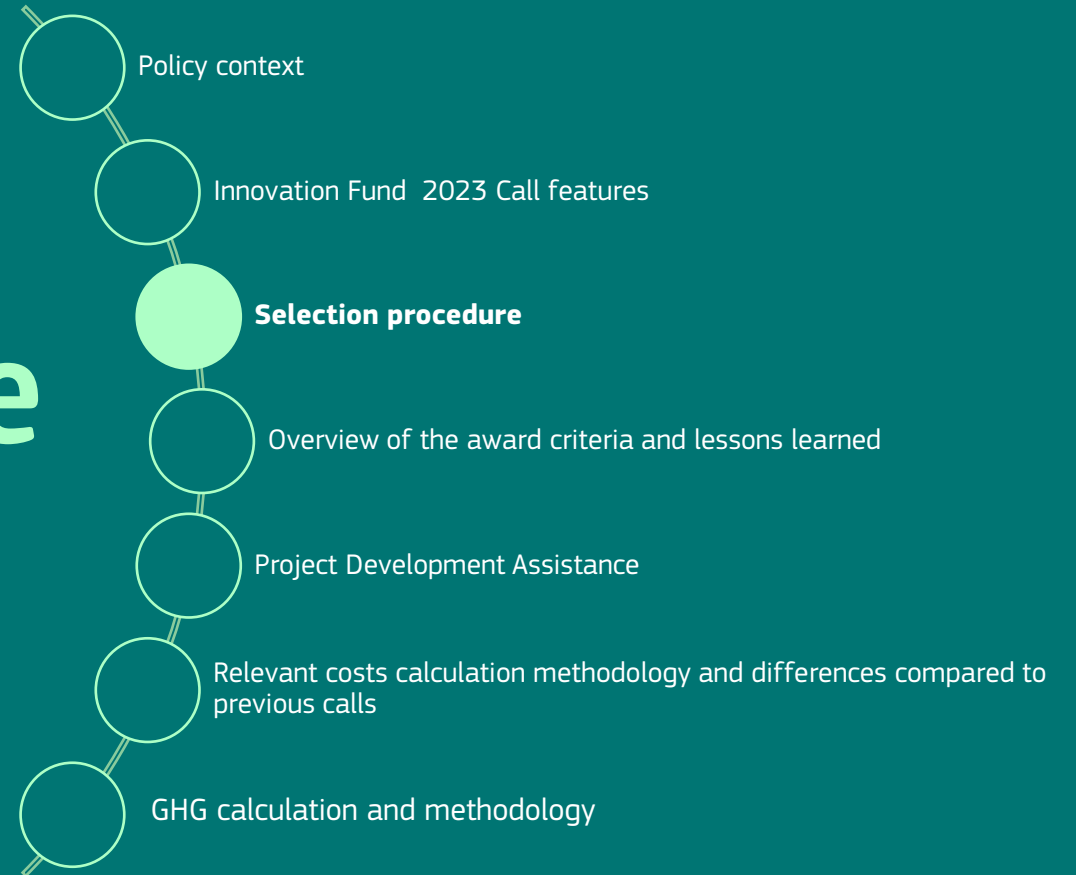


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IF23 Call in a nutshell



Launch 23 Nov. 2023
Deadline 9 April 2024
Results Q4 2024



€4 billion for grants
+
Project Development Assistance (PDA)



Five topics

AWARD CRITERIA

- Degree of innovation
- GHG emission avoidance
- Project maturity
- Replicability
- Cost efficiency

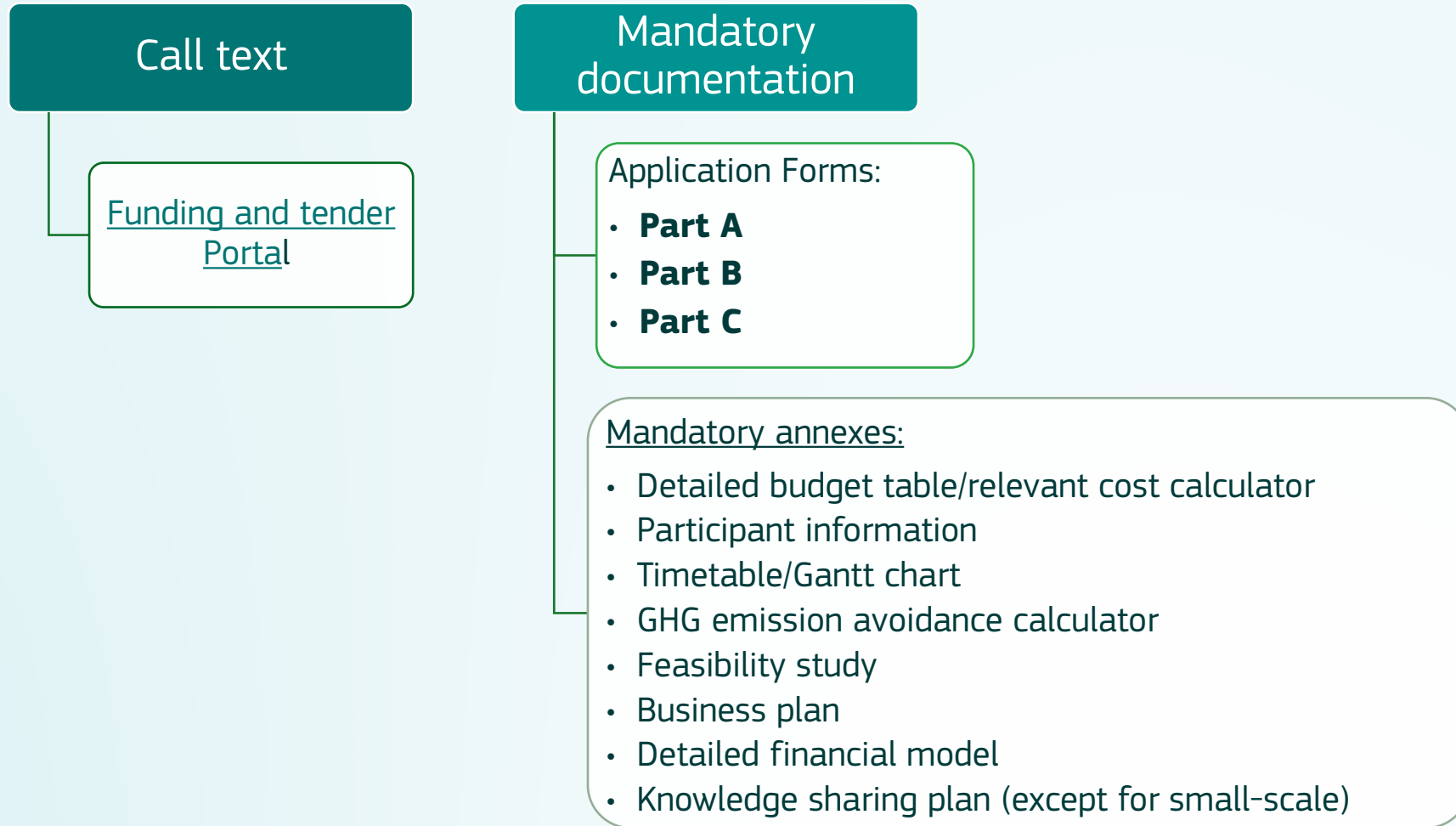
Bonus points: Net Carbon Removals, Other GHG savings, electricity from additional RES, maritime sector decarbonisation potential

GRANT DISTRIBUTION

LUMP-SUM contribution grant up to 60% of relevant costs

- up to 40% of grant at financial close
- remaining amount of at least 60% after financial close
- generally, at least 10% after entry into operation.

IF23 Call text and mandatory documentation



How to apply

Check all relevant information to apply

- [Funding and Tenders Portal link](#)
- [Application process tutorial \(available soon\)](#)
- [Financial Information Sheet tutorial](#)
- [GHG Methodology tutorials](#)
- [Legal validation and financial capacity assessment process tutorial](#)
- [Info Day recording and slides \(available after the event\)](#)
- [Where to find useful information](#)
- [FAQ](#)

Slido #IF23Call

The screenshot shows the website for the Innovation Fund 2023 Call. The header includes the agency name and navigation links. The main content area features a breadcrumb trail, the call title, and a 'Details' section with a table of key information. Below this is a 'Description' section, an 'Events' section, and a 'Tutorials' section with links to various resources.

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Details

Status	OPEN
Publication date	23 November 2023
Opening date	23 November 2023
Deadline model	Single-stage
Deadline date	9 April 2024, 17:00 (CEST)

Description

On 23 November 2023, the European Commission launched the [Innovation Fund 2023 Call](#), with a total budget of €4 billion.

You can already find all information and documentation related to the call on the [Funding & Tenders Portal](#), including the call text and application forms.

APPLY NOW

The deadline is 9 April 2024, 17:00 Brussels time.

Events

To provide better guidance to applicants during the submission process, CINEA and DG CLIMA have organised an [online Info Day](#), on 7 December, to learn more about the new call, the award criteria allowing questions and answers from participants.

Registration

Tutorials

CINEA has also produced a series of [tutorials](#) to help you throughout the application process:

- [Where to find useful information](#) (Application Process) (soon available)
- [GHG Methodology](#)
- [Financial Information File](#)

Admissibility and eligibility criteria

Admissibility

- Submitted **before** call **deadline**, electronically and using forms in the Submission System
- Complete all the application forms and include mandatory annexes

Eligibility

- Participants have to be **legal entities**; can be established anywhere in the world.
- Projects must be located in the **EEA** (EU Member States and Iceland, Liechtenstein, and Norway)
- The project must:
 - Reach **financial close within four years** after grant signature (maximum time to financial close)
 - **Operate at least** (minimum GHG emission avoidance monitoring period) **five years** after entry into operation
 - Except SSP and PILOTS – at least **three years** after entry into operation
- Project budget: the maximum grant amount **must not exceed 60% of the relevant costs**
- Eligible activities

Geographical location for new sectors

Maritime sector projects

- When the projects concern **investments in ships**, those ships must call ports under the jurisdiction of an EEA country* on a regular basis (at least **30% of their annual calls** on ports) or perform service or support activities in such ports
- When the projects concern **investments in ports infrastructure** the ports must be under the jurisdiction an EEA country.
 - Some examples: renewable alternative fuel bunkering infrastructures in ports, including container transshipment ports

**(see the list in the call text)*

Maritime, buildings, and road

For new activities introduced by the revised ETS Directive (meaning maritime, buildings and road transport) the eligibility of projects located in **Norway, Iceland, and Liechtenstein** is dependent on the incorporation of the **revised ETS Directive into the EEA Agreement and its entry into force before the deadline for submission of proposals.**

Eligible activities scope

Large, medium, and small-scale projects

- **Innovation in low-carbon technologies and processes** in sectors listed in Annex I and Annex III to the EU ETS Directive 2003/87, including CCU
- Construction and operation of projects for **CCS**
- Construction and operation of innovative **renewable energy** and **energy storage technologies**
- **Maritime and aviation** transport sectors: energy efficiency, sustainable alternative fuels, electrification, zero-emission propulsion technologies, wind technologies, innovative infrastructure in the maritime sector for EU container transshipment ports

New

Cleantech components manufacturing

- **Renewable energy installations** (in photovoltaics, concentrated solar power, on-shore and offshore wind power, ocean energy, geothermal, solar thermal, and others), including their connection to the electricity/heat grid
- **Electrolysers and fuel cells**
- **Energy storage solutions** covering batteries and other storage solutions for stationary and mobile use for intra-day and long duration storage
- **Heat pumps**

Pilot projects

- Construction and operation of projects **validating, testing and optimising highly innovative, deep decarbonisation solutions in all sectors** eligible for Innovation Fund support

Award Criteria

Degree of innovation

- Innovation beyond state of the art (see Annex 1 of call text) at European level (except SSP – European or national)
- Consider the ongoing Innovation Fund [projects](#)

GHG emission avoidance potential

- Absolute
- Relative
- Quality of the GHG emission avoidance calculation and minimum requirements

Project maturity

- Technical
- Financial
- Operational

Replicability

- Efficiency gains
- Further deployment
- Resilience of EU industrial system
- Multiple environmental impacts
- Knowledge sharing

Cost efficiency

- Cost efficiency ratio (different formula for Pilot projects)
- Quality of the cost calculation and minimum requirements

Bonus points

Bonus	Scoring
1.The potential to deliver net carbon removals	1 point (half point 0.5 possible)
2. Other GHG savings from emissions sources that go beyond the boundaries established in the Innovation Fund methodology for the given sector	1 point (half point 0.5 possible)
3. Commitment to use electricity from additional renewable sources or to use RFNBO hydrogen	1 point (half point 0.5 possible)
4. For Maritime sector projects <u>only</u> : demonstrated potential to decarbonising the maritime sector and reducing its climate impacts	1 point (half point 0.5 possible)

New

Cascade approach

Consequences on the number of projects evaluated in full

1. Check **eligibility** and **admissibility**

(if all requirements are not met, the evaluation is stopped)

2. Assess **Degree of Innovation** criterion

(if the score is below threshold, the evaluation is stopped)

3. Assess **GHG Emissions Avoidance** and **Project Maturity** criteria *(if all requirements are not met or score is below threshold, the evaluation is stopped)*

4. Assess **Replicability** and **Cost efficiency** criteria

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